

## 13 Commandments

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1. Listen to those who you respect and appreciate, know your own heart never deviate, whether raps or books just listen to the words and figure out the wisdom hidden into every verse
2. Understand skunk is a powerful herb, that taunts and temps and warps your sense and tortures strength until it's like 'ah are these my thoughts or do they belong to my spliff', too much weed turns your dreams into myths
3. True love asks nothing of either person, it just exists timelessly between them, a satisfied soul, body, whole of your mind, it don't control or confine, it don't cripple or crush, it just ripples and rushes it shivers, it gushes, it ain't bitter and it doesn't hold grudges, it colours your cheeks and it fills you with blushes, and you will know it when you feel it
4. Love that ain't true, love that's forced, will run you down before it's run its course, it eats up time and ability, inspires resentment, encourages panic and pain and not contentment and lusts really only seeks to satisfy itself, but that true stuff it satisfies both, that's why whenever you're close I know that I'm safe but still I hold my own weight, cause love means each control their own fate
5. Learn, always learn, till your time is through, always, every single day, comprehend something new, it's up to you to achieve everything you want to, I know my stuff but I'll never tell myself I've learned enough
6. In every single person I believe there exists a possible perfection, but to understand this we have to be engaged with our inner selves, and brave and well behaved and on a mission to escape from this maze
7. Words spoken without consideration or truth are words spoken in darkness and they are spoken to doom the speaker to gloom and if you're not truthful with yourself, your lies will consume you, till' you can't separate the lies from the real, you can't discern how you feel, man it's difficult to move without truth to propel you, and if nobody can trust you, then nobody can help you
8. Extend deepest love for those that care for you, and never, ever disrespect someone who's there for you, true friends are those with your interests at heart, and whose interests they are yours whether you are close or apart a true friendship will endure, will remain, friends, are willing to dismiss you until you've learned from your pain

9. Take care of yourself and your brain, stay clear of what fucks you up, and refrain from temptation, and don't fall into darkness when you've lost your contemplation and don't let yourself accelerate your mental deprivation, ah they say that good intentions pave the pathway to hell, I say what points to evil leads to evil, and evil will ransack the bones if you were born to do good and live well, if you have sworn to do good and live well, only time will tell

10. Measure prosperity not by financial success or by any other vanity, not by power, your power or the power of your family, not by politics sex or barbarity, measure your prosperity by your proximity to true love, true friends, by your ability to live in personal and collective truth, if you join up all these points you can connect my truth

11. Simply inappropriately put point eleven is this, study hard and always be on your guard, cause when you seem to be in charge of your shit you will get hated, jealous ones will try and take away what you've created, study hard and do the same, stay committed, be prolific, cut down on the drinking so your thinking is specific, I keep my head in my books, because I believe that books will enhance the mind, fuck that, just look up at the stars, the way they dance in the sky

12. The greatest rewards are those that you can't see, touch smell or taste, you might say, the greatest reward is the feeling that grows inside you when you act in the right way,

13. Telling yourself you don't know what the truth is, is PLAIN FUCKING COWARDICE, in the heart of your heart, in the depth of your solitude, you know that you need to fight hard until you have devoured this, the truth it lays way in there, cold right now in your guts, it waits for you to gather up the courage enough to just confront your mistakes, we live to reciprocate, strength is a commodity, it is a common place, don't need the consent of another to be strong, only to be weak, you know how weakness seeks approval in company, strangers in front of me, flashy sharp eyes cut hungrily, (not you, different strangers), see we want to aim to eradicate, all strains of weakness from our hearts and from our minds, if we could ever complete this, then we could live in truth and in love, and then our minds can prevail, and then on the skies we could sail